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# News Release

## **MINNEAPOLIS MAN INDICTED FOR PRODUCING, DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORN**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—As a result of an investigation initiated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents, a Minneapolis man was indicted by a federal grand jury Monday for producing and distributing child pornography.

Luis Alberto Roque, 38, was charged by the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Minnesota on two counts of producing child pornography, each count involving a different victim, and one count of distributing child pornography.



**Operation Predator**

"ICE will not tolerate those who prey on the most vulnerable among us," said Special Agent-In-Charge Mark Cangemi of the ICE office in Bloomington. "We're particularly interested in those predators who actually create child pornography. They're at the top of our list for arrest, prosecution, and when appropriate, deportation."

ICE special agents have determined that Roque is an illegal alien from Mexico. If he is convicted of the child pornography charges, he will first serve any resulting prison sentence. Afterward, he will be turned over to ICE custody and placed into removal proceedings for deportation back to Mexico.

The investigation into Roque's activities began last year when ICE agents received specific information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) regarding the manufacture and distribution of child pornography via the Internet. ICE and the Minneapolis Police Department conducted a joint investigation, which resulted in Roque's arrest in his Minneapolis apartment June 9.

During the investigation, law enforcement officers discovered digital images of Roque engaging in sexual contact with both victims.

If convicted, Roque faces a 30-year maximum prison sentence and a \$250,000 fine for each of the two production charges, and up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for distributing the images.

Roque's arrest was part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 5,100 individuals, including 147 in Minnesota.

ICE encourages reporting suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at: 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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